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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

The mission of the Utah Legislature Clean Air Caucus is to provide regular and appropriate forums for members of the Utah legislature for the purpose of:

- Educating and informing them about the nature, substance, and science related to air quality including the causes of poor air quality.
- Presenting to them information, data and evidence directly related to the preservation and improvement of air quality.
- Presenting proposed legislation to them in a format that may include bill drafts, plans, concepts or ideas for the purpose of discussion and debate.
- The bi-partisan caucus was formed in 2013

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## *Current Co-Chairs:*

- Senator Todd Weiler
- Senator Luz Escamilla
- Representative Patrice Arent
- Representative Stephen Handy
- Representative Joel Briscoe
- Representative Lowry Snow
- Representative Suzanne Harrison
- Representative Val Potter

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## *Meeting Schedule*

Meets during Spring – Fall on the Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:00 pm before  
Wednesday Interim meetings

All legislators and staff invited to attend any or all meetings.  
You don't have to "join" the caucus.

Public welcome. During the pandemic, Legislators receive a  
Zoom link. The public may join on Facebook at Utah Clean Air  
Caucus.

Until this year, we have met in person (and served pizza)

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## *Past Meetings This Year (Legislature did not meet in July)*

### May

- DAQ report: Bryce Bird
- Utah Tier III Refinery Production & Implementation: Bryce Bird
- Dr. Ben Abbott, Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences, BYU

### June

- DAQ Report: Bryce Bird
- Utah Tier 3 fuel implementation by refineries: Rob Simmons, Director of Governor's Office of Energy Development, and Rikki Hrenko-Browning, Utah Petroleum Association.
- Utah State University clean energy and air quality report: Dr. Patrick Belmont, Faculty Senate President-Elect; and Dr. Seth Lyman, USU Energy Research Center, Vernal, Utah.

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## *August 18th Agenda – virtual meeting at 6:30 pm tonight*

- Long-term implications of COVID-19 on transportation, development patterns, and associated air quality impacts – Andrew Gruber and Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council
- Update on Utah Road Map - Natalie Gochner and Thomas Holst, Kem C. Gardner Center, University of Utah
- Division of Air Quality Update – Bryce Bird
- UCAIR presentation on public awareness – Thom Carter